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SUBJ: GRENADA'S CONSULAR REPRESENTATION

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1. WITH REFERENCE TO QUESTION ONE OF REFTTEL, GRENADA MINEXTAFF UNABLE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATELY DEFINITIVE LEGAL JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER FRANCIS REDHEAD STILL CONSIDERED CITIZEN OF GRENADA. JUDGMENT WOULD APPEAR TO HINGE ON WHETHER REDHEAD WAS DUAL CITIZEN OF UK AND US AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE. CHAPTER VII, SECTION 94(I) OF GRENADA CONSTITUTION STATES THAT "EVERY PERSON WHO, HAVING BEEN BORN IN GRENADA IS ON 6TH FEBRUARY 1974 A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ITS COLONIES, SHALL BECOME A CITIZEN OF GRENADA ON 7TH FEBRUARY 1974". IT IS PRELIMINARY OPINION OF MINEXTAFF THAT REDHEAD IS NOT RPT NOT NOW A CITIZEN OF GRENADA SINCE HE WAS PRESUMABLY A CITIZEN OF US AND NOT UK AT INDEPENDENCE.

2. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION BRIDGETOWN HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT LOSS OF UK NATIONALITY GENERALLY LIMITED TO ACT OF RENUNCIATION AND ACQUISITION OF AMERICAN NATIONALITY BY NATURALIZATION WOULD HAVE HAD NO EFFECT ON CLAIM TO REDHEAD BEING A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES. HOWEVER, REDHEAD IS NO LONGER A CITIZEN OF UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES HAVING LOST SUCH STATUS ON FEBRUARY 7, 1974, THE DATE THAT GRENADA BECAME INDEPENDENT UNLESS HE HAS, THROUGH HIS FATHER OR PATERNAL GRANDFATHER, A CLAIM TO CITIZENSHIP OF UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES. SINCE HE WAS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES ON FEBRUARY 6, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1974, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE BECAME A GRENADIAN AT 0001 HOURS

ON FEBRUARY 7, 1974.

3. REFERENCE QUESTION TWO, ACCORDING TO GOG MINEXTAFF GRENADA DOES NOT RPT NOT AS YET HAVE ANY LAWS OR STATUTES OUTLINING REQUIREMENTS OF OFFICE FOR DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICIALS OR REQUIRING AN OATH OF OFFICE OR ALLEGIANCE. REDHEAD WILL NOT RPT NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE OR ALLEGIANCE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS APPOINTMENT AS HONORARY CONSUL.
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